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To: Federal Communications Commission (1919 M Street N.W. Washington, DC 20554

In The Matter Of 1-10 Watt Microradio

Low Power FM Radio Service MM Docket: 99-25

Comments Of: Mr. Harry W. Pardue 151 Panama Drive Crestview, F1. 32536

I Harry W. Pardue File these comments on 3 March 1999 on NPRM in the matter of 1-10 watt Microradio Low Power FM Radio Service.

- 1. I feel the 1-10 watt microradio low power fm service should be offered as a non-commercial, non-profit radio service.
- 2. If approved for the general public this service should be licensed and a small licensing fee of \$20.00 be Charged for a 3 year renewable license in order for the FCC to have control of these stations should there be any complaints of interference or objectionable programming.
- 3 If I may make a final suggestion should the FCC choose not to offer this microradio service to the general public for fear of interference or questionable programming. The FCC could offer this service to the Amateur Radio Service to aid us in providing a valuable service to our community during natural disasters floods, hurricanes, etc. when most if not all commercial radio stations are knocked off the air as they have no emergency power to operate.
- 4. These low power fm stations could be used by amateur radio operators to broadcast vital information to the community as to the locations of shelters, food and water sources, evacuation routes, road closures etc.

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- 5. If approved for use by the amateur radio service these microradio stations should be allowed a maximum power of 100 watts under emergency conditions to allow better coverage.
- 6. We should also be allowed to test these stations on a daily basis at the 1-10 watt level to determine coverage and test antenna designs.
- 7. It should be noted as FCC Licensed Amateur Radio Operators we are very responsible individuals who wish to serve our community and the microradio fm service would be an ideal way for us to do just that.
- 8. We were the early pioneers of radio broadcasting and were instrumental in making radio broadcasting into what it is today.

Respectively Submitted

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